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FOR SHINN FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS  
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1. FOR BYRNES FROM CARPENTER. REF MOSCOW 19815, NOTE THAT COST FOR S-14 ELEVATOR IS INCLUDED AS LINE ITEM DESPITE PRIOR AGREEMENT TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM AS ONE-TIME RENT INCREASE. SUGGEST YOU WORK CLOSELY WITH PAUL BOFINGER OF EUR/EX ON THIS ISSUE. ARCHITECT STUART KNOOP MAY ALSO BE AVAILABLE FOR ANALYSIS OF COST ESTIMATES.
2. RE REPLACEMENTS FOR SKOUG AND GREENBERG, WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR SUGGESTIONS AND OES'S LIST.
3. YOU MAY BE AWARE THAT LOCAL AFSA CHAPTER CABLED TO WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS A CRITICAL REPORT ABOUT TOWN MEETING ON FIRE SAFETY. WE UNDERSTAND THE WASHINGTON POST CARRIED AN ARTICLE ON THE SUBJECT, BUT HAVEN'T SEEN IT. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, MOST EMPLOYEES ARE SATISFIED WITH THE STATUS OF THE FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM. MANY COMMENTS ON THE MEETING HAVE BEEN VOLUNTEERED, AND ALL EXCEPT THE AFSA CABLE HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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POSITIVE AND APPRECIATIVE. WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO KEEP EVERYONE INFORMED AND ARE INSTALLING DETECTORS AND SUPPLIES AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE. AMONG TH STEPS:  
THE ELECTRICAL REWIRING OF THE LOWER FLOORS OF THE CHANCERY IS BEING CONTRACTED OUT AND A CENTRAL FIRE SUPPLY SKLAD IS BEING EQUIPPED. WE WILL ALSO BE AMKING

FOR A SAFETY EXPERT TO LOOK AT THE OUTSIDE APARTMENTS.  
WE WILL BE IN TOUCH FURTHER IF WE NEED HELP FROM YOUR  
END. FYI, HERE IS EMBASSY'S RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS  
BY UPI:

A. TOWN MEETING WAS CONVENED BY THE EMBASSY AT THE  
SUGGESTION OF THE AFSA REP TO DISCUSS THE CURRENT  
SITUATION AND TO ALLEVIATE THE CONCERNS OF EMBASSY  
EMPLOYEES.

B. NO ATTEMPT WAS MADE TO CONCEAL AREAS WHERE THE  
EMBASSY WAS NOT SATISFIED WITH PROGRESS--RATHER WE  
ATTEMPTED TO CONVEY A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF THE STRENGTHS  
AND WEAKNESSES OF THE FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM. IT WAS  
REPORTED THAT SMOKE DETECTORS HAVE BEEN ORDERED FOR  
ALL APARTMENTS OCCUPIED BY EMBASSY  
STAFF. THE FIRST ORDER HAD ARRIVED AND HAD BEEN DIS-  
TRIBUTED AS FAR AS THEY WENT TO AREAS OF PARAMOUNT  
CONCERN--SCHOOL, FIRE TRAP APARTMENTS, ETC. THE OTHER  
DETECTORS WILL BE INSTALLED AS SOON AS THEY ARRIVE  
(THE EMBASSY HAS ORDERED AN ADDITIONAL 200 DETECTORS  
FOR NEW APARTMENTS AND OTHER SPACES.)

C. PETER HAHN OF FBO INSPECTED ALL APARTMENT BUILD-  
INGS AND SOME REPRESENTATIVE APARTMENTS AFTER THE  
AUGUST 77 FIRE. IT WAS ON HIS RECOMMENDATIONS THAT  
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WE HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED ADDITIONAL FIRE EXTINGUISHERS  
AND SMOKE DETECTORS TO SOME APARTMENT UNITS. IT WAS  
STRESSED THAT WE CONSIDERED THE CHANCERY AREA TO BE  
OUR MAJOR CONCERN; THAT WE WERE NOT NEGLECTING OUT-  
LYING APARTMENTS, BUT THAT PRIMARY EMPHASIS WAS BEING  
PLACED UPON SAFEGUARDING THE OFFICES AND APARTMENTS  
IN THE CENTRAL COMPLEX.

D. THE MODERATOR AT THE TOWN MEETING (THE ADMIN  
OFFICER) BROUGHT UP SOME CONTINUING PROBLEMS IN THE  
EMBASSY, AND EXPLAINED HOW THEY ARE BEING CORRECTED.  
THE SECURITY OFFICER DISCUSSED THE PREPARATION OF THE  
EMERGENCY FIRE PLAN AND EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE  
EGRESS INSTRUCTION, AS WELL AS PROCEDURES FOR ORDERLY  
EVACUATION OF THE BUILDING. TOON

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